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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

PRAJWAL RAUT,

Plaintiff,

v.

MERRICK B. GARLAND, Attorney General of
the United States, *et al.*,

Defendants.

C 3:24-cv-02701-LJC

**STIPULATION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS;
ORDER**

The parties, through their undersigned attorneys, hereby stipulate and respectfully request the Court to stay proceedings in this case for a limited time, until May 14, 2025. The parties make this joint request because they are pursuing an administrative resolution that may render further litigation of this case unnecessary.

1. Plaintiff filed this mandamus action seeking adjudication of his Form I-589, Application for Asylum and for Withholding of Removal. United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (“USCIS”) has scheduled the asylum interview to take place on January 14, 2025. USCIS agrees to work diligently towards completing adjudication of Plaintiff’s application, absent the need for further adjudicative action or unforeseen circumstances that would require additional time for adjudication.

2. Plaintiff agrees to submit all supplemental documents and evidence no later than seven to ten days prior to the interview, pursuant to USCIS policy. Plaintiff agrees that the failure to timely submit this evidence may result in the rescheduling of the interview at no fault of USCIS.

3. If needed by Plaintiff or his dependent(s), Plaintiff shall bring his own interpreter to his asylum interview. *See* <https://www.uscis.gov/newsroom/alerts/affirmative-asylum-applicants-must-provide-interpreters-starting-sept-13>. Plaintiff recognizes that failure to bring an interpreter to his interview may result in the interview being rescheduled at no fault of USCIS.

4. Upon receipt of USCIS' decision, Plaintiff agrees to voluntarily dismiss this case.

5. The parties agree to bear their own attorney fees and costs.

Accordingly, the parties stipulate and request that the proceedings in this case be stayed until May 14, 2025, at which time the parties will file a joint status report with the Court. At that time, the parties may request a further continuance of the stay of proceedings, dismissal of the litigation if appropriate, or placement of the case back on the Court's active docket. A stay of proceedings in this case will benefit the parties and conserve the Court's resources while the parties pursue a potential administrative resolution.

Dated: July 10, 2024

Respectfully submitted¹,

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¹ In accordance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), the filer of this document attests that all signatories listed below concur in the filing of this document.

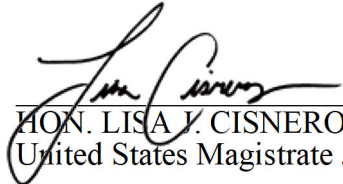
1 Dated: July 10, 2024

2 /s/ Maleeha Haq
3 MALEEHA HAQ
4 Haq Law
5 Attorney for Plaintiff

6 **[PROPOSED] ORDER**

7 Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Date: July 10, 2024

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10 HON. LISA J. CISNEROS
11 United States Magistrate Judge
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